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## GRAMPUS NETTED MACK-

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Shows Fish are in the  
Water but Will Not Come  
to the Surface.  
Number Taken Indicates  
That Fish are Well to  
the Southward.

**Boston Arrivals.**  
Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 14,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.  
Sch. Valentinn, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 cusk.  
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Gov. Cleaves, 1000 haddock, 300 cod.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake \$3 to \$5.50.

### Portland Arrivals.

The following vessels were at Portland Friday with fares of fresh fish:  
Sch. Mineola, 10,000 pounds.  
Sch. Katie L. Palmer, 6000 pounds.  
Sch. Fanny Hayden, 6000 pounds.  
Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 4000 pounds.  
Sch. M. A. Downes.  
Sloop William Morse, 4000 pounds.  
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan.  
Sch. Lochinvar, 1200 pounds.  
Sloop Gladys, 3000 pounds.

### Addition to Portland Fleet.

The latest addition to the Portland fishing fleet, sch. Topsail Girl, is expected to arrive in that harbor next Wednesday and it is expected that she will receive a warm greeting from the other craft in the harbor. She will be one of the prettiest members of the fleet and is fitted up in first class condition. The quarters for the men are modern in every respect and a number of improvements have been made in the arrangements. It has been decided by the owners not to commission her until later in the season when she will be placed in condition for sword-fishing. She is equipped with a 25 horse-power gasoline engine and is so constructed that she will be able to stand considerable buffeting without giving an evidence of it. Capt. Doggett, who has had command of the sch. Bernie and Bessie for many years has been appointed skipper.

The steamer Robert and Edwin finished repairs at the marine railway at Portland Saturday and brought over from the Cape, the fishing gear formerly used on the steamer Elthier being transferred to her.

### Landed Fish at Yarmouth, N. S.

Sch. Kernwood landed 6000 pounds of halibut and 8000 pounds of fresh fish at Yarmouth, N. S., Thursday. Sch. James R. Clark landed 4500 pounds of halibut and sch. Viola, 3500 pounds of halibut, all of which was shipped to Boston.

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## COAST MACKEREL THE BEST.

But Proper Care is Necessary in Curing the Fish.

New York Fishing Gazette says:  
"There are no better mackerel caught in the world than off the coast of Massachusetts, Maine, on Georges and in the Bay of Fundy. The great fault, however, is that they are not always well cured, though the American fishermen certainly knows now.

"The past few years the fish have been taken in seines in large lots; and the time was when better care meant more money. But since the dealers have been buying them out of pickle before being inspected, and paying the same price for poorly-cured fish, that they do for well-cured, taken in small lots, the fishermen who used to bring in well-cured fish, soaked out in two or three waters, and rimmed before salting on board of the vessels, have abandoned that method, as it requires longer time and more work.

"The mackerel now are all salted plain, run through one water, and are dark in color and dirty looking. The dealers who buy the fish rim them ashore; and after they are salted the cuts made by the rimmer never close up. In fat mackerel the oil runs from the cuts, making the fish have a yellow, rusty look. A barrel of mackerel, properly soaked in two or three waters, rimmed when fresh, is worth a third more to the consumer in looks and quality. The salt hardens the fish, and at the same time hardens the cuts and retains the fat of the mackerel."

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### Caught the Times Mackerel.

Even if they are in hard luck, the seiners out south are bound to have their little joke. The Times has sent a bundle of papers daily to Fortress Monroe, Va., to William Baulch, the fish shipper there, who distributes them to the vessels when they come in there for harbor or to land fish. Thus the boys are enabled to have all the news from home.

When sch. Electric Flash put in there with the first mackerel catch of the season, the Times, in reporting it, headed the article with the familiar "cut" of a mackerel. The next batch of vessels in there for harbor received their papers as usual, among them the one telling of Capt. Bissert's catch.

On board one vessel, after the paper was read by every man on board, was thrown overboard after the craft had been outside a few days. It so happened that the next night, the skipper of some craft in the vicinity saw the flash of a school and set for it. He didn't stop any of the fish, but he did catch that copy of the Times, and as it came into the boat on the twine the part of it with the cut of the mackerel was face up. One wag among the crew grabbed it and looked at it a moment, then seeing what it was, waved it aloft shouting, "well, boys, we are not 'skunked,' we got one mackerel, anyway."

The story of the joke has reached Fulton Market, and now the fish men there are trying to find out who threw the paper overboard and caught it.

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## THE NEWFOUNDLAND SITUATION.

Why a Special Election Has Been Ordered at the Present Time.

A Daily Times representative has been frequently asked why it is necessary for Newfoundland to have an election at this time to choose parliamentary representatives after having held a general election late last fall. To make it clear to the Times readers, it would be well to briefly sum up the situation which confronts the inhabitants of that ancient colony. At the present time it is as follows:

The legislature of Newfoundland consists of two branches similar to that of Massachusetts, the lower elected by the people and upper appointed. Sir Robert Bond for several years has been premier, with a large majority in the legislature. At the election last fall, Mr. Bond had as a competitor Sir Edward Morris, leader of the opposition, and who also had a large following. The returns of that election showed both those leaders elected, together with 17 members each. Here was a situation that probably never confronted Newfoundland before. When the legislature convened each side stood loyal to its leader, so that a government could not be organized. Sir Robert Bond, the wily politician that he is, was not long in sizing up the conditions, and so resigned the premiership in order that Sir Edward Morris might assume the duties of that important office. But so long as Sir Robert's followers stuck to him no organization could be effected and a speaker could not be chosen, so that official business could not be transacted.

After a recess for some weeks to give the members an opportunity to look the matter squarely in the face, they met but with no better result. It was then incumbent upon Sir William McGregor, the governor, to order a new election, which takes place next Saturday. It is now predicted that Sir Robert Bond will have many converts and will be elected with a substantial majority and a like claim is made by Sir Edward Morris' followers. However, the situation is a most peculiar one and great interest is not only manifested in Newfoundland but in Canada as well and even in certain sections of New England.

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## NO WEIRS FOR SEARSPORT.

It is reported from Searsport, Me., that there will be no fish weirs built on Sear island this coming season, the first time for 87 years that this island has been without a weir for the taking of salmon and other fish. Evidently the weirs in the past few years have not been very successful in catching the famed Penobscot river fish.

The fish commission sch. Grampus has had a try for mackerel, with her nets out south, and although there were no mackerel schooling in the vicinity where the try was made, yet she made a good haul, and proved conclusively that the fish are there, but apparently not disposed to show on the surface.

Capt. Jerry E. Cook, the mackerel expert on board the Grampus, wired A. L. Millett, local agent of the Bureau of Fisheries, last night, from Lewes, Delaware breakwater, regarding the catch and position of the craft.

Capt. Cook says that the Grampus put out 10 nets Sunday, 55 miles south southeast of Cape Henlopen and took 173 large mackerel. There were seven mackerel seiners in sight at the time, but no mackerel were seen schooling.

The report of Capt. Cook is an interesting and important one, for it shows that although no mackerel are schooling, yet some are coming along from the southward, and from the spot where the catch was made, it would seem that the fish, or some of them, at any rate, are still well to the southward for this time of the year. The spot indicated is pretty well off shore, which also confirms the belief expressed by many of the seining skippers that what fish have come along, have been well off shore, and bears out Capt. Farmer's report of schools seen and set many miles outside of the general course of the fish coming from the southward.

Old netting skippers here say that the catch of the Grampus, 173 fish in only 10 nets, is big fishing at this time of the year, and indicates that there is a good body of fish coming along below the surface, and also say that it indicates good prospects for the mackerel netting fleet. That the Grampus was able to set her nets on Sunday shows that the bad weather of last week must have changed for the better and that the boats had a chance to set their nets and try for fish.

### First Mackerel Taken Off Manchester.

One mackerel was taken in a floating trap, up off Manchester, last Thursday, which is about the earliest on record for the first fish in this vicinity. It is reported that 14 mackerel were taken in the same trap Saturday.

One was caught Sunday in a trap at Beverly.

A mackerel taken in one of the Cape Cod traps, was received at Boston yesterday.

Capt. Charles A. Dyer of Portland, writing to the New York Gazette, says: "In my opinion mackerel will strike the Massachusetts and Maine coasts, and later Georges, and then there will be a large catch. They are so far off shore and south this year that their course in coming north will bring them over Georges and Brown's Bank into the Bay of Fundy and along the Maine and Massachusetts coasts, and there will not be as many caught on the New Jersey and Rhode Island coasts as will be taken later."

### Set Nets in Rough Water.

A letter from Capt. Frank Nolan of the mackerel netting sch. Actor, which landed the first trip at New York yesterday, states that it was very rough when he set his nets Friday night. Capt. Nolan did not put out all his nets, and it was so rough when the crew came back from setting that two of the dories stove their bottoms out coming alongside. They had quite a job hauling the nets with three dories. There were seven netters in company with the Actor, but it was so rough that none of them set. Sch. Julietta, which sailed south netting yesterday, carried out two dories to the Actor to take the place of the broken ones.

The fresh mackerel landed at New York yesterday by sch. Actor sold at 65 cents each.



## SESSION OPENS TOMORROW.

## National Association of Shellfish Commissioners Meet at New York.

B. Frank Wood, New York state superintendent of shell fisheries, chairman of the committee on programme and the committee on time and place of the National Association of Shellfish Commissioners, has just made public the programme for the first national convention of the association, which takes place at the Aquarium, New York, tomorrow.

The commissioners will assemble at 1 p. m. for the purpose of holding a business session, at which the committee on rules will report. Following will be a reception of credentials, election of officers, appointment of committees and selection of place for next meeting.

The opening of the convention proper will be at 2 p. m., the following being the order of exercises:

## Music.

Address of welcome, Hon. James S. Whipple, commissioner of forest, fish and game, New York.

Opening address, Charles R. Bacon, president of the association.

Address, "What New Jersey Has Done for the Oyster Industry," Hon. Edward C. Stokes, ex-governor of New Jersey.

## Violin Solo.

Paper, Dr. George W. Field, Massachusetts Commission on Fisheries and Game.

Paper, Dr. Tarleton H. Bean, state fish culturist, New York.

## Music.

Paper, A. F. Merrell, president Oyster Growers and Dealers' Association of North America.

Paper, Dr. H. W. Wiley, United States Department of Agriculture (read by Dr. J. K. Haywood.)

Paper, Dr. H. F. Moore, United States Bureau of Fisheries.

Paper, Dr. Caswell Grave, Maryland Shellfish Commission.

In the evening there will be a banquet at the Hotel Astor, New York.

On Thursday, May 6, the delegates to the convention will assemble at the office of the superintendent of marine fisheries, No. 1 Madison avenue, or some other available point, to be decided upon later, for a boat cruise about the New York waters, visiting oyster beds, etc. The oyster boat A. F. Merrell has been placed at the service of the delegates by the Merrell-Haviland Oyster Co.

Luncheon will be served on the boat.

At 4 p. m. the boat will return to New York, where automobiles will be in waiting to carry the delegates to various points of interest in Manhattan.

## FISHERY REGULATIONS.

## Draft of Agreement on Boundary Water Received at Ottawa.

The draft of the uniform fishery regulations, governing the boundary waters, between Canada and the United States, under the terms of the treaty passed last spring, as prepared during the last six months by the two commissioners, Professor E. E. Prince, Dominion fisheries commissioner, and President David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford University, has been received in Ottawa from Palo Alto, Cal., where the commissioners have just completed their work.

Under the regulations the United States government will appoint a federal protection staff with headquarters at Washington, which will correspond to the Canadian fisheries protection service with headquarters at Ottawa. These two services will co-operate in enforcing the uniform regulations on all the waters covered by the treaty.

There will be a common size limit for lobsters in Maine and New Brunswick, and minimum legal sizes or weights for whitefish, lake trout, pickerel, etc., in the Great Lakes.

## Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The chief industry of Punta Gorda, Fla., is fishing, in which six wholesale firms with 300 or more men are engaged. Capital invested in this business is estimated at \$150,000, and the annual shipments of fish on ice amount to 6,500,000 pounds. The bulk of these are mullet, but many pompano, Spanish mackerel, bass, trout, sheephead, snapper and other fine food fish are shipped. The oyster business is small.

Fishermen at Panama City, Fla., seem to bring in pretty good catches. A few days ago one crew took 16,000 pounds of mackerel at one strike. Several solid car loads have been shipped to northern cities.

Sturgeon are almost extinct in the Delaware river at the present time. The fish has been hunted to the point of extinction. The Delaware river and bay fisheries in 1888 yielded a catch of 6,400,000 pounds. Then the increased demand for caviar in Germany and other parts of Europe marked the fishes extermination in the East, and a prodigious decline in

the supply from the Great Lakes, Minnesota, Washington and Oregon. A keg of caviar weighing 135 pounds that cost \$12 in 1885 was worth \$40 in 1894, and in 1900 fetched \$100, while Dr. W. S. Tower records that in 1899 ninety-six sturgeons at Bayside, N. J., were sold for \$3923—over \$40 apiece.

A live eel three feet long was found flapping about Dublin, Ill., recently. It had been in a feed pipe of one of the principal business houses of the city and is supposed to have come from one of the nearby rivers.

The total value of all kinds of fish landed throughout Scotland for March was £132,110, and for the three months ending 31st March, £436,092. Of this sum, haddocks represented £139,729.

Yet another steam trawler, the Assyrian, a newly-built vessel belonging to the Great Central Co-Operative Engineering and Shipbuilding Company, Grimsby, has just been purchased by the Admiralty, and it is now definitely known that in all a fleet of five modern British steam trawlers have been bought during the past two or three weeks by the Admiralty for use as adjuncts to the navy.

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## Pollock In Ipswich Bay.

Pollock have struck in over in Ipswich bay. Steamer Water Witch took 8000 pounds yesterday, and the new Hodgkins launch took 4000 pounds, it being her maiden trip. Steamer Bessie M. Dugan is at Boston this morning with 20,000 pounds.

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## Today's Receipts.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, 19,000 lbs. salt cod, 500 lbs. halibut. Str. Water Witch, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.

Hodgkins launch, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, Ipswich Bay, 2000 lbs. fresh cod and pollock.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Julietta, south netting.  
Sch. Mettacommet, haddocking.  
Sch. Buema, haddocking.  
Sch. Lillian, south netting.  
Sch. N. A. Rowe, south netting.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, Rips.  
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, Rips.  
Sch. American, Boston.  
Sch. Marguerite, south netting.  
Sch. Little Fanny, south netting.  
Sch. Mary Emerson, pollock seining.  
Sch. William H. Rider, Georges.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, south seining.

## Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt. medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.

Bank halibut, 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 4 1-2 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Large "halibut" cod, salt, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.50; snapper do., \$1.50.

Large "Drift" Georges cod, salt, \$3.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snapper do., \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt., medium \$2.50, snappers \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Kate Palmer was at Portland Sunday, with 6000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Ella G. King of this port, which landed 5000 pounds of halibut at Portland yesterday and is on the way home here to land her salt cod, is reported to have 40,000 pounds of the latter fish.

Sch. Quickstep is at Manset, Me., today with a fare of fresh fish.

The gasoline auxiliary sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, put in at Tompkinsville, L. I., at 6 o'clock this morning.

Capt. Orlando Goodwin will fit sch. Margie Smith for Rips fishing.

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 15,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 1000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 40,000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Motor, 3500 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 14,000 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 6000 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Marion, 6000 cod.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Nokomis, 5000 cod.

Sch. Esther Gray, 1200 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Helena, 2000 cod.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 1500 cod.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 20,000 pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Sinnett 700 haddock.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 1000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 25,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Yankee, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Mattakeesett, 19,000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Haddock, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50; market cod, \$3; hake, \$1 to \$3; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$2.05.

## Sch. Georgie Campbell Repairing.

The salt banker Georgie Campbell, which was recently driven ashore in the strait of Canso by the ice, and went into Port Hawkesbury to repair, but after waiting at Port Hawkesbury for a week, the schooner was still unable to get on the ways there, because of the ice, and finally had to take a tug and be towed to North Sydney, C. B., where she is now hauled out and repairing.

## Ice at Straits of Canso.

The strait of Canso, which was pretty well clear of ice a few days ago, is now full of ice again. The steamer John L. Cann, on leaving Mulgrave, N. S., for Canso, lost her propeller in the ice, and the steamer City of Ghent had a hole punched in her bow, and was forced to go to Point Tupper to dock.

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## FIRST SINGLE DORY FISHERMAN

## Lunenburg Man Used One Over Forty Years Ago.

To Josiah Gerhardt, of Middle South, N. S., belongs the credit of being the first Lunenburg, N. S., fisherman to use a single dory on the fishing grounds. This method of fishing is carried to a large extent at present in the North Bay fishery, and the occasion of Mr. Gerhardt's initial experience is interesting.

At the time he was an extra man and there was no place for him to fish from the deck, all the available space being occupied by the eight regular members of the crew. The vessel was only a very small one.

The captain of this craft, with true Lunenburg enterprise, hailed a passing American schooner and bought a small dory for the extra man, thus instituting the single dory fishing operation. This was in the year 1860 and Mr. Gerhardt challenges any contradiction to his claim.

He has had a varied experience in the arduous occupation he chose for the means of his livelihood, and in an interview said he had many interesting things to say. Mr. Gerhardt spent 37 years fishing in the North Bay, with great success, and was there during the great August gale when the sch. Thetis was lost with all hands. He also fished in Gloucester vessels and was employed on one at the time the fishing ground was swept by the terrible September storm. On one trip he went north as far as Hebron, about the greatest distance any Lunenburger ever got on a fishing trip for codfish. He fished on the Grand Banks ten years, making a total record of 47 years.

Mr. Gerhardt was always fortunate in his choice of vessels and never was a member of a crew from which a man was lost. This veteran fisherman is still hale and hearty and although not actively engaged in fishing during the past few years, he has occupied himself at farming. Among the skippers he sailed under were the late Capt. Hirtle, of La Have, and the late Capt. Lohnes, of First South. Mr. Gerhardt is at present suffering from a slight attack of rheumatism, but as stated above, he feels fit for many more years of active work.